(b) what are the names of the banks, the amount looted and also the dates of the incidenths;

(c) whether any arrests have been made in this connection; and

(d) what steps are being taken to strengthen security measures in banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Information regarding the number of bank dacoities which took place in public sector banks in Bombay since March, 1986, amounts involved therein and dates of occurrence, as reported by Reserve Bank of India, is given below:—

(Rs. in Lakh)

Name of bank	Amount involved	Date of occurrence
1. Indian Overseas Bank, Bandra . .	..	4-3-86
2. Bank of Maharashtra Dadar Shivaji Park	2·67	20-3-86
3. New Bank of India, Chembur-Diamond Garden	5·91	28-4-86
4. Punjab National Bank, Borivali (E) . .	1·91	22-5-86
5. Bank of Maharashtra, Ghatkoper (E)	2.21	9-6-86

(c) The Reserve Bank of India have intimated that no arrests have so far been reported to them by public sector banks.

(d) Although banks' security is dependent to a considerable extent on the general security environment, the banks themselves have *inter-alia* been taking steps, such as appointment of Armed Security Guards, installation of appropriate alarm systems, etc. in branches depending on the risk factor involved, with a view to improving their security arrangements and preventng occurrence of dacoities/robberies. In addition, in order to motivate bank employees, the general public and the police to resist robbers/dacoits, a Scheme of rewards has been announced.

Appointment of Chairman in the Dhanalakshmi Bank Limited

823. SHRI K. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present Dhanalakshmi Bank Limited is without a full-time Chairman;

(b) if so, when did the last Chairman left the post and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the list of panel was sent to the Reserve Bank of India by Board of Directors; if so, when; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the affirmative, what are the reasons for not appointing the Chairman by the Reserve Bank of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The last full time Chairman of Dhanalakshmi Bank Ltd. handed over charge of his office with effect from the close of business on 11-1-1986, on personal reasons.

(c)and (d) Reserve Bank of India have reported that they have already identified a suitable person for appointment as Chairman of the bank on receipt of a panel of names from the bank in March, 1986. Actual appointment will be effected after completion of necessary formalities as required under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

Import of Sugar

824. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantum of sugar imported during the last three years, year-wise and country-wise;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange spent thereon, year-wise; and

(c) whether any quantity of imported sugar was found to be contaminated; if so, what are the details in this regard and what action Government have taken against the officials found guilty on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The quantum of sugar imported and the amount of foreign exchange spent during the last three years are given below:—

Financial year	Quantity (Lakh tons)	ValueCIF (Rs. crores)
1983-84 . .	Nil	Nil
1984-85 . .	4·96	113·62
1985-86 (Provisional) . .	20·33	449·28

Country-wise details of sugar imported during 1984-85 and 1985-86 are given in the statement attached. (See below)

(c) A total quantity of about 14,700 tonnes of sugar of Brazilian origin was received in the vessel PAPHOS. First 8,500 tonnes of sugar were unloaded at Vizag Port and the balance quantity of about 6,200 tonnes of sugar was unloaded at Calcutta. While the consignment at Calcutta was cleared by Port Health Authorities, the sugar at Vizag was not cleared as Port Health Officers found a very small percentage of iron filings in the consignment. Deptt. of Food is looking into this matter in consultation with concerned authorities. A team of senior officials has been deputed to segregate the sugar into convenient lots for drawing samples and to analyse them for determining the percentage of iron filings in each lot.

Statement

Country-wise imports of sugar

Sl. No.	Country	Approx. Imports (lakh MT) during financial years	
		1984-85	1985-86
1	2	3	4
1	EEC	0·45	7·93
2	Brazil	2·68	3·34
3	China	..	1·69
4	S. Korea	0·72	1·20
5	Cuba	0·37	0·92
6	Poland	0·11	0·86